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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ultra-Wideband

ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas,

I have been a volunteer firefighter since the late 1960's and have experienced many instances where ultra wideband radio-Thru wall radar would have benefitted us greatly. I encourage you to do what ever necessary to insure that this technology is not hampered because of it's ability to find victims in times of fire and rescue. Many times I could have used this technology to locate persons who would have been saved had we been able to locate them quickly. Today we rely on our senses and sketchy and unreliable information when attempting a rescue, our lives are at risk. With the ability to locate victims there is no doubt that lives will be saved and the danger to emergency responders will be less.

I encourage the F.C.C. to consider my comments because the first few minutes of a structural fire is very critical and can mean the difference between life and death.

Sincerely,
Donald Lirette
Donald Lirette
Administrator

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